



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gray et al.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated 30 July 2004 and to the Office Communication dated 9 January 2006.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated in Section B.

Please cancel claim 42.